Weekly Devotional 4-8-2012 Guard Your Heart

Proverbs 4:19 "The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not when they stumble"

Proverbs 4:23"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

The Proverbs are a wealth beyond any wealth you may acquire on this earth. God's Wisdom came through Solomon in the Proverbs and is given as instruction for us. Every year in March I start with Chapter one and read a Chapter a day every day throughout the entire month. I once heard that if you do this for one year then that wisdom will stick with you. It will be in your heart to help you to discern doing wrong from right. Because we are a hurting people living in a sinful world we are bound to do or say wrong things. The Proverbs instructs us on how to conduct ourselves, but also how to speak to others and treat others.

The idea of “fearing Yahweh” is found throughout the Hebrew Bible. Fearing Yahweh came to mean that is shows obedience to His commandments. The fear of the LORD runs throughout this motivational book. The fear of the LORD brings wisdom, it brings confidence, it brings us to a point where we get past ourselves and move into the sphere of Yahweh with His guidance and protection covering us.

When we cease to fear the LORD we shut off that protection. Life becomes a battle instead of having the peace and confidence that we are meant to have. Our strength comes from the LORD (Psalm 121:2). We need to depend on that. How can you depend on something you don’t understand, you can’t. With wisdom comes understanding. That is where the Proverbs come in and give us that understanding.

How does a little child know right from wrong? They are taught by their parents and society. We are God’s little children and need to adhere to His instruction so that we will not be out in the wilderness alone. How can we have assurance that God’s love free’s us from ourselves and a destructive life? By accepting Jesus Christ as your LORD and Savior; Christ came to earth so that you might be saved~! Are you ready to walk away from or out of the wilderness? Speak this prayer: LORD Jesus I accept you as my LORD and Savior, I repent of my sins and ask you to be merciful to me a sinner. I ask you to come into my life and change my heart. I make you the LORD of my life, Amen.